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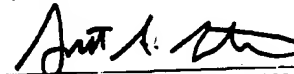
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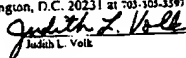
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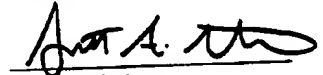
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1. ☒ Transmitted herewith is Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, an Abstract, new Drawing Figures 5-7 and Copy of Figs. 5-7 with Markings to Show Changes Made.
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status  
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3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.
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- ☒ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
6. ☒ If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.

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